

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 657

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cadet Colonel Daniel T. Fry, Jr., upon his winning the Civil Air Patrol's General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue the State's time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP); and

WHEREAS, one such noble citizen is Colonel Daniel Fry, Jr., of the Rhea County Composite Squadron, who was recently awarded the CAP's General Carl A. Spaatz Award; and

WHEREAS, the highest cadet honor earned by only two tenths of one percent of CAP members, the Spaatz Award recognizes cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness, and aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, in order to earn this award, Colonel Fry had to progress through sixteen achievements over the course of five years, as outlined by the CAP Cadet Program, and undergo a rigorous four-part exam consisting of a challenging physical fitness test, an essay exam testing moral reasoning, a comprehensive written exam on leadership, and a comprehensive written exam on aerospace education; and

WHEREAS, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the CAP Cadet program trains volunteers to perform homeland security, disaster relief, and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies, and has been providing this service since 1941; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in this program, Colonel Fry served as Cadet Squadron Commander and attended the International Air Cadet Exchange in Ghana, the National Emergency Services Academy, the National Flight Academy – Glider program, and the CAP's Civic Leadership Academy last spring in Washington, D.C., where he was one of the twenty-four top cadets in the nation, selected for this activity; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he also earned the 2009 Tennessee Wing Cadet Flight Scholarship, granting him flight training from Choo-Choo Senior Squadron's Captain Dan Bowles, and he was named the "Tennessee Wing Cadet of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Daniel Fry, Jr., owes his success to the love and support of his mother and father, Second Lieutenant Dan Fry, who is the Rhea County Composite Squadron Commander; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Fry epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Colonel Daniel Fry, Jr., for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Colonel Daniel T. Fry, Jr., upon his winning the Civil Air Patrol's General Carl A. Spaatz Award and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.